

CANADA.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY

FROM THE

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

IN RELATION TO

AFFAIRS IN IRELAND

AND THE

REPLY THERETO.

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No. 1.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, K.T., G.C.M.G., to the
RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY. (Received June 3, 1882.)

Government House, Ottawa,
May 16, 1882.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, an Address to Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen, agreed to by the Senate and House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled in relation to affairs in Ireland.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LORNE.

Enclosure in No. 1.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, YOUR MAJESTY'S most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate and Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly, in our own name, and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to renew the expression of our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

1. We have observed, may it please Your Majesty, with feelings of profound regret and concern, the distress and discontent which have prevailed for some time among Your Majesty's subjects in Ireland.

2. We would respectfully represent to Your Majesty that Your Irish subjects in the Dominion of Canada are among the most loyal, most prosperous, and most contented of Your Majesty's subjects.

3. We would further respectfully represent to Your Majesty that the Dominion of Canada, while offering the greatest advantages and attractions for those of our fellow-subjects who may desire to make their homes amongst us, does not receive that proportion of emigrants from Ireland which might reasonably be expected, and that this is due, in a great measure, in the case of many of our Irish fellow-subjects who have sought foreign homes, to their feelings of estrangement towards the Imperial Government.

4. We would further most respectfully represent to Your Majesty, that in the interests of this, Your loyal Dominion and of the entire Empire, it is extremely to be desired that Your Majesty may not be deprived in the development of Your Majesty's possessions on this continent of the valuable aid of those of Your Majesty's Irish subjects who may feel disposed to leave their native land to seek more prosperous homes.

5. We desire respectfully to suggest to Your Majesty, that Canada and its inhabitants have prospered exceedingly under a Federal system, allowing to each Province of the Dominion considerable powers of self-government, and would venture to express a hope that if consistent with the integrity and well-being of the Empire, and if the rights and status of the minority are fully protected and secured, sure means may be found of meeting the expressed desire of so many of Your Irish subjects in that regard, so that Ireland may become a source of strength to Your Majesty's Empire, and that Your Majesty's Irish subjects at home and abroad may feel the same pride in the greatness of Your Majesty's Empire, the same veneration for the justice of Your Majesty's rule, and the same devotion to, and affection for, our common flag, as are now felt by all classes of Your Majesty's loyal subjects in this Dominion.

6. We would further express a hope that the time has come when Your Majesty's clemency may without injury to the interests of the United Kingdom be extended to those persons who are now imprisoned in Ireland charged with political offences only, and the inestimable blessing of personal liberty restored to them.

We pray that the blessings of Your Majesty's Reign may, for Your people's sake, be long continued.

(Signed) D. L. MACPHERSON,
Speaker.

The Senate,
Wednesday, 3rd May 1882.

House of Commons,
Thursday, 20th April 1882.

(Signed) J. G. BLANCHET,
Speaker.

No. 2.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY to GOVERNOR-GENERAL
THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, K.T., G.C.M.G.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, June 12, 1882.

I HAVE received and laid before the Queen the Address to Her Majesty from the Senate and House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, which was transmitted in your Lordship's despatch of the 16th of May.*

I am commanded by Her Majesty to request that you will convey to the Senate and House of Commons her appreciation of the renewed expression of their unswerving loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty's person and Government.

Her Majesty will always gladly receive the advice of the Parliament of Canada on all matters relating to the Dominion, and the administration of its affairs; but, with respect to the questions referred to in the Address, Her Majesty will, in accordance with the Constitution of this country, have regard to the advice of the Imperial Parliament and Ministers, to whom all matters relating to the affairs of the United Kingdom exclusively appertain.

The Marquis of Lorne.

I have, &c.
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.